

Living in Hiroshima

The campus of Hiroshima University of Economics (HUE) is located eight kilometers from the center of Hiroshima City, the International City of Peace and Culture, just twenty minutes by car. Hiroshima City, a major urban area, is located in the Chugoku region and has a population of about 1.3 million. The city is a very comfortable place to study and live.



Hiroshima prefecture also prides itself at having two World Heritages, A-Bomb Dome and Miyajima Island. During your stay in Hiroshima, you will have a chance to visit them and get to know more about Hiroshima and its surroundings.

Voices from Students

- When I arrived in Japan, I was a little bit confused, a new culture, a new language, a new way of life, but after all, this is the exact purpose of this kind of exchange. I didn't know a word of Japanese, except maybe "arigato" and "sushi" which wasn't really useful in the first days. But the hospitality of the Japanese students, the welcome, and the help provided by the University helped me to resolve the obstacles. Thanks to my Japanese teachers and my Japanese friends, I was able to smoothly adopt myself to my new environment. (T.K. from France)

- I enjoyed the Practical Management Theory class. I learned a lot about Japanese companies and how different they were from other countries. We also got an opportunity to visit some companies so it was really great. (Z.A. from Indonesia)

- I think everything was perfect between the school and students, there was nothing I can see that was a problem during my time here. Japanese people actually are very kind. When I was traveling, no one ever refused my request for help. (D.B. from Cambodia)



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2014-2015 Short-Term Exchange Student Hiroshima University of Economics

Spring/Summer Semester:

April 7, 2014 — August 7, 2014

Fall/Winter Semester:

September 23, 2014 — February 6, 2015

*The schedule of 2014SS is subject to change.

For more information...

<http://www.hue.ac.jp/english/entr/exchange.html>



What's STEP

STEP stands for Short-Term Exchange Program, and provides exchange students from our Sister/Affiliated Schools, and Network Partners with general as well as specialized knowledge of Japanese business and culture. HUE has accepted exchange students from various countries, including China, Cambodia, Singapore, Poland, Germany, France, Denmark, Indonesia, Mexico, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Georgia, Turkey and the Netherlands.

List of Courses

Required Courses

Japanese Language I - XII
International Education Internship
Independent Study
Cross-cultural Communication

Selective Courses (3-6 courses)

Practical Management Theory
Japanese Law and Society
International Finance
International Trade
Japanese International Relations
Japanese Financial System*
Japanese Economy
Japanese History and Culture
Theory and Practice of Budo
Japan and Globalization
Issues in Contemporary Japan*



*Japanese Financial System and Issues in Contemporary Japan only take place in Fall/Winter semester. Other courses are available for both Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter semesters. Note: the classes for 2014 are subject to change.

Insurance

Exchange students are required to buy an international insurance policy prior to coming to Japan. Medical care/examinations are expensive, so an insurance policy that directly pays the charges would be preferable.

VISAS

You must apply for your international student VISA at the Consulate/Embassy of Japan in your country 2-3 months in advance of your visit to Japan. We will send you a Certificate of Eligibility and Matriculation Certificate for your VISA application.

Applicant Eligibility

Every applicant is required to have a minimum GPA 2.30 (out of a scale of 3.00) in the recent previous two consecutive semesters, in order to apply for our exchange program. For more details, please refer to the international office at your university/school.

Extra-curricular activities

There are several local volunteer activities you can participate in during your stay at HUE. First, You will have an opportunity to visit a local elementary school to help them with their English classes as a part of International Education Internship class. Second, Gion Community Center regularly holds Saturday activities with the people in the community, and you are also invited to join their activities (such as rice harvesting, local traditional dance lessons, etc). Occasionally, we may ask you to help us host a program for children in the local community.



There will be other international events and activities hosted by the Office of International Exchange. In the past, we have had trips to Miyajima, Osaka/Kobe/Kumamoto (overnight), Saijo Sake Festival, Iwakuni etc; cooking parties and sport activities; and activities related to the university festival.



Accommodation

Hiroshima University of Economics offers exchange students two types of student housing – studio (single) and two-bedroom apartments. As students attending the STEP program will be required to use the university

Fees

The table on the right shows the average monthly living costs that most exchange students spend.

*1€ = ¥131.44 / 1US\$ = ¥99.81
(as of September 5, 2013)

Items	Amount
Rent (incl. internet fee)	30,000 yen
Food Expenses	25,000 yen
Utilities	10,000 yen
Other living expenses	15,000 yen
Total	80,000 yen

Facilities

The University gymnasium prides itself as having facilities of top quality and scale. The gymnasium has basketball courts, martial arts dojo, and training equipment.



The library has a holding of 430,000 books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials for students. We also have individual and group study rooms in the library for students to study quietly.

The Kodokan was established to facilitate the Kodokan Education Programs in 2006. It has many project booths and seminar rooms equipped with the latest information. It also has a cafe called "HUE Café Time" operated by HUE students.



The Media Center has 100 PCs on the 4th floor for public use. There is also a studio for full digital broadcasting – students can shoot & edit films; and a radio station located on the ground floor for public broadcasting.



Visit the International Lounge, located next to the International Office.

Exchange students can use the lounge as a space not only for relaxing and studying, but also for interacting with Japanese students.

Every facility is equipped with a wi-fi system for easy access to the internet.

Application

— Deadline for applications:

Spring/Summer semester 2014 due October 11, 2013

Fall/Winter semester 2014 due May 2, 2014